

AMENDMENTS

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CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH AS AMENDED

The present invention provides in another separate embodiment a method for adjusting the atmosphere within a chamber containing respiring produce, the method comprising:

- (a) flushing the chamber with a purging gas containing little or no oxygen;
- (b) substantially sealing the chamber either before or after step (a);
- (c) adjusting the oxygen level in the chamber to a level above a desired oxygen setpoint;
- (d) permitting the oxygen level in the chamber to degrade to about the oxygen setpoint as a consequence of oxygen consumed by the produce being converted to carbon dioxide;
- (e) removing chamber atmosphere from the chamber; and
- (f) repeating steps (c), (d) and (e) as required if the oxygen level falls below the oxygen setpoint, to maintain the oxygen level in the region of the oxygen setpoint.